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For: INTERVERTEBRAL SPACER DEVICE  
UTILIZING A BELLEVILLE WASHER  
HAVING RADIALY EXTENDING  
GROOVES

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 22, 2005, applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.